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SUBJ: SOMALI PRESIDENT ATTENDS ARAB-AFRICAN SUMMIT

1. PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE LEFT MOGADISCIO MARCH 7 TO ATTEND THE ARAB-AFRICAN SUMMT MEETING AT CAIRO. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE SOMALI REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PARTY BUREAU OF FINANCE

AND COMMERCE AHMED MOHAMOUD; MINISTER OF MINERALS AND WATER HUSSEIN ABDULQADIR QASSIM; COMMANDANT OF VICTORY PIONEERS (REVOLUNTIONARY MILITANTS/POLICE AUXILIARIES) LT. COLONEL ABDIIRAHNAN ABDI HUSSEIN; AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

- 2. MEETING AFFORDS SIAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOBBY FOR AFRO-ARAB SUPPORT ON SUCH ISSUES AS DJIBOUTI AND ERITREA, AS WELL AS FOR INCREASED ARAB FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GSDR. BY SAME TOKEN, IT OFFERS ARAB STATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE PRESSURE ON SIAD TO REDUCE HIS POLITICO-MILITARY DEPENDENCE ON SOVIETS. ANY INDIIATION OF THIS KIND OF INTERACTION, OUTSIDE THE ORDINARY AGENDA OF SUMMIT MEETING, WOULD BE HELPFUL.
- .3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORT FROM ARAB DIPLOMATIC SOURCE THAT AN ARAB SUMMIT, MEETING AFTER ARAB-AFRICAN SUMMIT HAS ENDED, CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL TAKE UP, AMONG OTHER THINGS, QUESTION OF SOMALIA'S LINKS TO ARAB WORLD. HERE, TOO, REPORTING WOULD BE HELPFUL, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

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